

CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE:

Presentation by the Greater Lodi Area Youth Commission

Regarding Honoring Teens program.

MEETING DATE:

February 19, 2003

PREPARED BY:

Community Center Coordinator

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Presentation.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Greater Lodi Area Youth Commission, in conjunction with Lodi Academy and Central Valley Waste Services is sponsoring a program entitled **Honoring Teens**. The Lodi Youth Commission Leadership Committee selects one teen to be awarded **Teen of the Month** from the applications submitted to the commission from the general public, various schools, and church groups. This month's **Teen of the Month** is Susan Cheng from Lodi Academy High School.

FUNDING:

None Required.

Yvette Maragliano

Community Center Coordinator

APPROVED: | Met Both

Art. Dixon Flynn -- City Manager

Bio for City Council

February Teen of the Month

Susan is first in her class with a 4.04 GPA. She is a young woman who has earned the trust and respect of her teachers and peers. She is our Student Association President and her hard wok and honesty make her an asst to our school. Susan volunteers at a local hospital on a regular basis. She also participates in Adopt A Highway and other community outreach programs. Susan exhibits a positive, calm and non-abrasive attitude, which reflects her deep commitment and dedication.

Greater Lodi Area Youth Commission Announcements

- The 8th Annual Youth Conference is February 28 of 2003. It is an Interactive Career Day—"Think Beyond Now" with Michael Pritchard as the opening and closing keynote speaker, with fourteen workshops by volunteer presenters for over 800 high school students. The registration deadline at the high schools was February 12th.
- The commission is organizing a new event for Friday, April 18th of 2003 entitled..."Speak For Youth". This event will be for high school students and will take place between 9:30 am 11:30 am. The motivational speaker is Mr. Herman Cain who is the Chairman of Godfather's Pizza, Inc., after serving as CEO and President of the company for 10 years. He is also the founder and CEO of T.H.E. Inc., a leadership consulting company. He was named one of Ebony Magazines 100 Most Influential Black Americans in 1997 and 1999. He serves on the Board of Directors of several major corporations such as Whirlpool, Readers Digest, Hallmark Cards and the Morehouse School of Medicine. His former employment includes the Department of the Navy, Coco-Cola, Pillsbury Company Vice President and Burger King Corporation Vice President.